APPENDIX A.

Home Department resolution Nos. 6—370-382 (Ecclesiastical), dated Simla, 9th November 1876.

Read—

The Home Department resolution Nos. 314 to 318, dated 6th October 1875, appointing a committee to report upon the following matters connected with ecclesiastical administration :—

(1) The framing of joint estimates for expenditure on cemeteries or churches by the executive engineer and clergyman in charge.
(2) A revision of establishments for cemeteries according to their area.
(3) The size of monuments and amount of ground that may be enclosed.
(4) Provision for planting cemeteries and preserving them in decent order.
(5) Mode of supply of certain articles of church furniture.
(6) The substitution of three for two classes of churches with respect to the expenditure allowed for them by Government.

Read—

The report of the committee, dated 29th October 1875.

RESOLUTION.—The report of the committee has been considered by the Governor General in Council, who desires to express to the committee his satisfaction at the result of their labours.

The following rules have been approved relative to the subjects referred to the committee for report :—

1. Churches and cemeteries have already been divided into two classes:—

(1) those in stations where there are military cantonments and the military works which are under the charge of the *Director-General of Military Works*, and (2) those in other military cantonments and civil stations.

(Public Works Department No. 486-A.G., dated 13th July 1874.)

In both classes of stations joint estimates* of expenditure should be framed annually by the undermentioned officers :—

(*a*) In the case of all expenditure, connected with establishments, *e.g.*, pay of servants, alterations in their pay or number, etc.; also all expenditure by Government connected with the provision of articles of church furniture supplied by the civil department. — By the chief magistrate of the district and by the chaplain.

(Financial Department resolution No. 87, dated 9th January 1875.)

(*b*) In the case of all expenditure connected with repairs and additions to church fabric, to church compound or cemetery walls, to cemetery gates, walks, wells, chaukidars or other church servants' houses, provision of necessary appliances for graves or for the repair of tombs or for the planting of trees and shrubs in cemeteries and keeping the same in decent order; also all expenditure by Government connected with the provision of articles of church furniture supplied by the Public Works Department. — By the executive engineer and by the chaplain.

(Financial Department resolutions No. 87, dated 9th January 1875: No. 2024, dated 31st March 1875; and No. 675, dated 9th February 1876.)

The estimates of expenditure to be prepared by the executive engineer and the chaplain should show distinctly the probable charge under each of the following heads:—

(I) New works connected with additions to existing churches and improvements to church compound.
(II) New supplies of furniture for churches and sanctioned articles of church use.
(III) New works connected with additions to existing burial-grounds.
(IV) Repairs to churches and church furniture and maintenance of church compounds.
(V) Repairs to burial-grounds to be executed by Public Works officers.
(VI) Repairs to burial-grounds, including planting and cleaning, to be entrusted to the chaplain or chief civil or Military officer of the station or cantonment, under paragraph 4.

It would be convenient if distinct estimates were prepared for each of these classes of expenditure.

The provision of funds to meet the charges above enumerated will be made in the budget estimate of the Public Works Department. The estimates for the same

* The estimates should be for the financial year, and should be prepared in advance as is prescribed for other budget estimates.

NOTE.—Modifications of the original orders are shown in italics.

will be subject to the scrutiny of, and be passed by, the superintending or chief engineer or local Government or Administration, according to the rules in force in the Public Works Department.

The incidence of cost of burial grounds is given in Volume I, paragraph 829, of the Public Works Department Code, and provision will accordingly be made for such charges in the Imperial or Provincial Budget Estimates as the case may be.

2. The following scale of establishments should be maintained at all cemeteries:—

(I) For a cemetery of which the area is 5 acres or less, one mali-chaukidar;

(II) For a cemetery of which the area is more than 5 and less than 10 acres, one mali-chaukidar and one assistant coolie;

(III) For a cemetery of which the area is more than 10 and less than 15 acres, one mali-chaukidar and two assistant coolies; and

(IV) For a cemetery of which the area is more than 15 acres, one mali-chaukidar and three assistant coolies.

It is left to the Local Governments and Administrations to determine the proper wages to be given to each servant. *The charge will be included in the Civil Budget-Estimate under Imperial or Provincial as the case may be.*

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4. No portion of the receipts from cemeteries and church compounds should be retained by any Government officer to be directly expended by himself; all such receipts should be paid into the civil treasury to the credit of the Public Works Department *under Imperial or Provincial Public Works Revenue as the case may be.* But the amount passed upon the joint estimate framed by the executive engineer and chaplain to provide for planting a cemetery and preserving it in decent order should be entrusted to the chaplain where there is one. Where there is no resident chaplain, the amount should be placed at the disposal of the chief magistrate on the spot, or of the senior military officer if the cemetery is attached to a military cantonment. The necessary funds for the purpose will be advanced by the Executive Engineer concerned to the chaplain or civil or military officer. Bills for the expenditure should be rendered by the officer to whom the advance has been made, either monthly or otherwise, to the executive engineer, who will charge for the amount thereof in the usual way in his accounts. Until the bills are received and charged off, the advance will be placed in the miscellaneous advance account of the executive engineer. All planting of shrubs and trees* by private persons in cemeteries should be under the control of the chaplain if resident, otherwise under that of the magistrate or senior military officer, as the case may be. When practicable, a well should be sunk in or near every cemetery.

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5. It should be understood that the Government cannot provide cemeteries at the public expense for Native Christian communities.

NOTE.—Where their number is small the question is of little importance and is best arranged by mutual concessions or by special provisions made locally by the parties immediately concerned. And I am to suggest for His Lordship's consideration whether, if the necessity of dealing at the present time with this matter of native Christian interment be in his judgment unavoidably established, it should not be carefully examined in consultation with the several local Governments, having regard to the diverse needs and circumstances of the population in each separate province.

Letter No. 364, dated the 9th November 1877.

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* In regard to churches and cemeteries situated within the limits of a military cantonment the Government of India have decided—

Home Department letter to the Ven'ble the Archdeacon of Calcutta; No. 110, dated the 22nd May 1883.

(1) that the chaplain is required to obtain the permission of the officer commanding the station before ordering a tree to be cut down in a cemetery or church compound situated within the limits of a cantonment;

(2) that the officer commanding the station may order a tree to be cut down in the cemetery or church compound without the chaplain's consent;

(3) that it rests with the chaplain to sell the trees cut down in the cemetery or church compound, the proceeds being paid in, as required by the standing rules, to the civil treasury to the credit of the Public Works Department; and

(4) that the consent of the commanding officer should be obtained in respect of all repairs or alterations over which he or the cantonment committee may exercise control under the cantonment rules and regulations, *e.g.*, rules 13 and 26 of chapter IV.

These orders, however, do not interfere with the duty of the chaplain to see that the cemetery is kept clean of rank vegetation, shrubs, and undergrowth which are not included under the designation of trees.

Home Department letter to the Ven'ble the Archdeacon of Calcutta, No. 148, dated the 26th June 1883.